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COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR  
TREATMENT OF ANAL DISORDERS

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/970,447, filed on November 14, 1997, <sup>now abandoned</sup> which was a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/666,264, filed on June 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,693,676, which was a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/371,088, filed on January 10, 1995, now abandoned, which was a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application No. 08/250,555, filed on May 27, 1994, now